

GUIDE TO FREE EVENTS IN WASHINGTON, DC | FEBRUARY 1 - 28, 2018

Black History Month 2018



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& DC BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

Mayor Muriel Bowser, the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities and the DC Black History Celebration Committee are proud to present this guide to events in Washington, DC for the month of February 2018.

**This guide is also available online at dcarts.dc.gov.
Events listing information subject to change; contact the event's organizer for additional information.**

As a Harvard-trained historian, Carter G. Woodson, like W. E. B. Du Bois before him, believed that truth could not be denied and that reason would prevail over prejudice. His hopes to raise awareness of African American's contributions to civilization was realized when he and the organization he founded, the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), conceived and announced Negro History Week in 1925. The event was first celebrated during a week in February 1926 that encompassed the birthdays of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The response was overwhelming: Black history clubs sprang up; teachers demanded materials to instruct their pupils; and progressive whites, not simply white scholars and philanthropists, stepped forward to endorse the effort.

By the time of Woodson's death in 1950, Negro History Week had become a central part of African American life and substantial progress had been made in bringing more Americans to appreciate the celebration. At mid-century, mayors of cities nationwide issued proclamations noting Negro History Week. The Black Awakening of the 1960s dramatically expanded the consciousness of African Americans about the importance of black history, and the Civil Rights movement focused Americans of all color on the subject of the contributions of African Americans to our history and culture.

The celebration was expanded to a month in 1976, the nation's bicentennial. President Gerald R. Ford urged Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history." That year, fifty years after the first celebration, the association held the first African American History Month. By this time, the entire nation had come to recognize the importance of Black history in the drama of the American story. Since then each American president has issued African American History Month proclamations. And the association—now the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)—continues to promote the study of Black history all year.

(Excerpt from an essay by Daryl Michael Scott, Howard University, for the Association for the Study of African American Life and History)

On the cover: A detail of the *Spirit of Freedom* sculpture, part of the African American Civil War Museum

DECEMBER 15 – ONGOING

Exhibit: City of Hope: Resurrection City and the 1968 Poor People's Campaign

10:00 AM - 5:30 PM

National Museum of American History, 2 East
1300 Constitution Avenue, NW
nmaahc.si.edu/explore/exhibitions/city-of-hope

11 JANUARY - 12 APRIL 2018

Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Display

8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Library of Congress, Thomas Jefferson Building,
North and South Galleries
10 First Street, SE
loc.gov • 202-707-9070

FEBRUARY

MONDAYS & FRIDAYS

Westminster DC Blues & Jazz Nights \$

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Westminster Church
400 I Street, SW
westminsterdc.org • 202-484-7700

THURSDAY - SATURDAYS

Tour the Birthplace of Black History Month

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site
1538 9th Street, NW
nps.gov/cawo • 202-426-5961

SATURDAYS

Ben's Chili Bowl's Free DC History and Culture Lessons

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Ben's Chili Bowl, 1213 U Street, NW
benschilibowl.com • 202-251-1975

APPEAL Inc. Historical and Cultural Literacy Series Co-sponsored by IKG \$

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Thurgood Marshall Center
1818 12th Street, NW
APPEALInc.org • 800-711-7851

FEBRUARY 1

Prosperity Toolkit and Press Conference

Howard Theatre, 620 T Street, NW
moaaa.dc.gov

Black History Month City-Wide Kick Off Celebration

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

African American Civil War Memorial Museum
1925 Vermont Avenue, NW
DCBlackHistory.com

Comedy at the Kennedy Center: Erin Jackson

6:00 PM

The Terrace Theatre, John F. Kennedy Center
for the Performing Arts
2700 F Street, NW
kennedy-center.org

Bound for Freedom's Light: The Story of the U.S. Colored Troops in the Civil War

7:00 PM

Mount Pleasant Library, 3160 16th Street, NW
dclibrary.org/mtpleasant

FEBRUARY 3, 11, 18

Woodson in the House

TBD

Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site
1538 9th Street, NW
nps.gov/cawo • 202-426-5961

FEBRUARY 3

Rock Creek Civil War Round Table

19:30 AM

Rock Creek Park Nature Center
5200 Glover Road, NW
nps.gov/rocr • 202-895-6224

1st Annual Know Thyself Book Fair

12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

ROOTS Public Charter School
15 Kennedy Street, NW
uniadivision330.org • 202-841-2242, 202-317-1616

FEBRUARY 3

IBe' Book Arts Programs

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

IBe' Arts, 1239 V Street, SE

anacostiaarted.org • 202-215-3484

FEBRUARY 5

DC Mondays at the Museum Lecture: Slaves, Students, and the 1847 Expulsion Riot at GW

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

The George Washington University Museum

The Textile Museum

701 21st Street, NW

museum.gwu.edu/dc-mondays • 202-994-5200

Book Talk: Ibram Kendi on Stamped From the Beginning, Sponsored by National History Center

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Woodrow Wilson International Center for

Scholars, Ronald Reagan Building and

International Trade Center

1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

nationalhistorycenter.org

Backbeat Underground

6:00 PM

Millennium Stage, The John F. Kennedy Center
for the Performing Arts

2700 F Street, NW

kennedy-center.org/video/upcoming

Justice Trivia

6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Sudhouse

1340 U Street, NW

afj.org

The District's Black Dough-boys during World War I

7:00 PM

Dorothy I. Height/Benning Library

3935 Benning Road, NE

dclibrary.org/benning • 202.262.7571

FEBRUARY 6 - 9

DISCOVERY THEATER: How Old is a Hero?

10:15 AM, 11:30 AM, 1:00 PM

S. Dillon Ripley Center

Discovery Theater, 3rd Sublevel

1100 Jefferson Drive, SW

smithsonianassociates.org • 202-633-8700

FEBRUARY 6

Book Talk: Jefferson's Daughters: Three Sisters, White and Black, in a Young America

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

William G. McGowan Theater, National Archives

Building

700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

archives.gov/calendar/event

Film: Fly Boys: Pennsylvania's Tuskegee Airmen

6:30 PM

Woodridge Neighborhood Library

1801 Hamlin Street, NE

dclibrary.org/woodridge • 202-541-6226

Lecture: Haiti and Frederick Douglass by Marvin Jones and Chowan Discovery

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Juanita Thornton Library

7420 Georgia Avenue, NW

dclibrary.org/thornton • 202-264-0666

FEBRUARY 7

***Film, Discussion, and More: Tell Them We Are Rising: The Story of Black Colleges and Universities* (2017; 85 min)**

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Anacostia Community Museum: Program Room

1901 Fort Place, SE

register at anacostia.si.edu • 202-633-4875

Lecture: Crossroads of Destiny: Africa & World War I

7:00 PM

Woodridge Neighborhood Library

1801 Hamlin Street, NE

dclibrary.org/woodridge • (202) 541-6226

FEBRUARY 8 - MARCH 30

Selections from the Freedom Place Collections. Featuring the works of five pre-eminent African-American artists: Benny Andrews, Romare Bearden, Alma Thomas, Robert Freeman, and Richard Yarde
Mon - Fri 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Congressional Bank
2101 K Street, NW
congressionalbank.com

FEBRUARY 8 - MARCH 18

Play: The Raid
2:00 PM, 8:00 PM
Theater Alliance at the Anacostia Playhouse
2020 Shannon Place, SE
theateralliance.com/tickets/

FEBRUARY 8

DC Council Member Anita Bonds will honor the works of Rev. Dr. Sandra Butler-Truesdale for the Citizens of DC
6:30 PM
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
anitabonds.com/category/events/

Crusade for Liberty: Frederick Douglass, the Civil War, & DC Emancipation
7:00 PM
Georgetown Library
3260 R Street, NW
dclibrary.org/georgetown • 202-727-0232

FEBRUARY 9

Marking Great Civil and Human Rights Milestones of 2018: Douglass - MLK - Mandela Great Black Leaders of the Past and a Look to the Future
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Church of Scientology National Affairs Office & Youth for Human Rights, Fraser Mansion - Church of Scientology National Affairs Office
1701 20th Street, NW
202-667-6404

FEBRUARY 10

Mahogany Book Store Opening Reception & Black Authors Discussion
1:00 PM
Anacostia Arts Center
1231 Good Hope Road, SE
moaaa.dc.gov • 202.545.3071

ACM 50th Anniversary Mardi Gras Family Day!
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Anacostia Community Museum: Main Gallery
1901 Fort Place, SE
anacostia.si.edu • 202-633-4844

AnaDocs Photo-Journalism Exhibit
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
IBe' Arts
1239 V Street, SE
anacostiaarted.org • 202-215-3484

Cooking Up History: Carnival and Haitian Food Traditions
1:00 PM
Smithsonian National Museum of American History, Wallace H. Coulter Performance Plaza, Demonstration Kitchen, First Floor, West
1300 Constitution Avenue, NW
americanhistory.si.edu

2018 Black Composers Concert
3:00 PM - 5:00PM
Dunbar High School
101 N Street, NW
dunbarhsdc.org • 202-724-4194

Revelations Workshop with Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Millennium Stage, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
2700 F Street, NW
kennedy-center.org

Smithsonian Master Jazz Orchestra Jazz Cities: Regional Styles and Evolution
7:30 PM
Smithsonian National Museum of American

History, Hall of Music, Third Floor, West
1300 Constitution Avenue, NW
americanhistory.si.edu

FEBRUARY 12

Black Metropolis: Great African Cities, Their Founding and Evolution

7:00 PM

Francis A. Gregory
3660 Alabama Avenue, SE
dclibrary.org/francis • 202-698-6373

FEBRUARY 13

Film: The Miracle at Saint Anna

10:00 AM

Woodridge Neighborhood Library
1801 Hamlin Street, NE
202-541-6226

Little Ethiopia's 13th Anniversary of Black History Month

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Fraser Mansion
1701 20th Street, NW
littleethiopia.org • 202-255-1400

FEBRUARY 13 - 14

DISCOVERY THEATER: Meeting Mr. Lincoln

10:15 AM, 11:30 AM

S. Dillon Ripley Center
Discovery Theater, 3rd Sublevel
1100 Jefferson Drive, SW
smithsonianassociates.org • 202-633-8700

FEBRUARY 14

Ebenezer Bassett and Frederick Douglass, African American Leaders in American Diplomacy

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

United States Diplomacy Center, U.S.
Department of State
330 21st Street, NW
diplomacy.state.gov

Mayor Muriel Bowser hosts the Frederick Douglass 200th Birthday Celebration and Portrait Unveiling

2:30 PM

John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
mayor.dc.gov • 202-727-6306

Ida Campbell and her Bluesz Nation Band

6:00 PM

Millennium Stage, The John F. Kennedy Center
for the Performing Arts
2700 F Street, NW
kennedy-center.org/video/upcoming

Lecture: Blacks in the U.S. Armed Forces: Military Service & the Paradox of Loyalty.

7:00 PM

Woodridge Neighborhood Library
1801 Hamlin Street, NE
dclibrary.org/woodridge • 202-541-6226

FEBRUARY 15

Mayor Muriel Bowser hosts the DC Faith Leaders Breakfast

Museum of the Bible
400 4th St SW
mayor.dc.gov • 202-727-6306

Brown Bag Lecture at the Wilson Center: History of Place Co-sponsor Anacostia Community Museum

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Woodrow Wilson International Center for
Scholars, Ronald Reagan Building and
International Trade Center
1300 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
[register at anacostia.si.edu](http://register.at.anacostia.si.edu) • 202.633.4844

2nd Annual Black History Month Celebration

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
202-727-2643

Discussion: Chocolate City: A History of Race and Democracy in the Nation's Capital
6:00 - 8:30 PM

UDC Student Center Ballroom
4200 Connecticut Avenue, NW
law.udc.edu/event/ChocolateCity • 202-274-7437

A Dawn Like Thunder: Africa, Black America, & World War II

7:00 PM
Lamond-Riggs Library
5401 South Dakota Ave, NE
dclibrary.org/lamond • 202-541-6255

***Book Talk: The Tuskegee Airmen
Chronology: A Detailed Timeline of the Red
Tails and Other Black Pilots of World War II***

7:00 PM
Woodridge Neighborhood Library
1801 Hamlin Street, NE
dclibrary.org/woodridge • 202-541-6226

FEBRUARY 16

***Chocolate City: A History of Race and
Democracy in the Nation's Capital***

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
William G. McGowan Theater, National Archives
Building 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
archives.gov

Black Film Festival

2:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Historic Lincoln Theatre
1215 U Street, NW
moaaa.dc.gov • 202.545.3071

Chocolate City Book Talk

5:30 PM
Barnes & Noble at Howard University
2225 Georgia Avenue NW
dchistory.org

***The AllEyesOnDC Show: Politics of African
Unity***

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Sankofa Video Books & Cafe
2714 Georgia Avenue, NW
alleyesondc.com, sankofa.com • 202-306-6294

FEBRUARY 17 - 19

***Special Featured Document Display:
Emancipation Proclamation***

10:00 AM - 5:30 PM
East Rotunda Gallery, National Archives Building
700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
archives.gov

FEBRUARY 17

Black Film Festival

11:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Historic Lincoln Theatre
1215 U Street, NW
moaaa.dc.gov • 202-545-3071

***Book Talk: Chocolate City with G. Derek
Musgrove & Chris Myers Asch***

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Anacostia Community Museum: Program Room
1901 Fort Place, SE
register at anacostia.si.edu • 202-633-4844

***Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Birthday
Celebration***

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM, 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Frederick Douglass National Historic Site House
Tours & Visitor Center
1411 W Street, SE
nps.gov/frdo • 202-426-5961

***Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Birthday
Celebration***

10:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Frederick Douglass National Historic Site Tent
1411 W Street, SE
nps.gov/frdo • 202-426-5961

***Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Birthday
Celebration***

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Frederick Douglass National Historic Site
Ground Activities
1411 W Street, SE
nps.gov/frdo • 202-426-5961

Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Birthday Celebration

12:30 PM - 5:00 PM
Anacostia Arts Center
1231 Good Hope Road, SE
nps.gov/frdo • 202-426-5961

FEBRUARY 18

Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Birthday Celebration

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Frederick Douglass National Historic Site House
Tours & Visitor Center
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nps.gov/frdo • 202-426-5961

Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Birthday Celebration

12:00 PM - 3:45 PM
Frederick Douglass National Historic Site Tent
1411 W Street, SE
nps.gov/frdo • 202-426-5961

Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Birthday Celebration

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Frederick Douglass National Historic Site
Ground Activities
1411 W Street, SE
nps.gov/frdo • 202-426-5961

Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Birthday Celebration

12:30 PM - 5:00 PM
Anacostia Arts Center
1231 Good Hope Road, SE
nps.gov/frdo • 202-426-5961

African American Men Sing Songs of Praise

3:00 PM
Greater New Hope Baptist Church
816 8th Street, NW
DCBlackHistory.com

The Mid-Atlantic Collegiate Jazz Orchestra

6:00 PM
Millennium Stage, The John F. Kennedy Center

for the Performing Arts 2700 F Street, NW
kennedy-center.org/video/upcoming

FEBRUARY 19

Make Time for Love, a Valentine's Day Concert

6:00 PM
Millennium Stage, The John F. Kennedy Center
for the Performing Arts
2700 F Street, NW
kennedy-center.org/video/upcoming

FEBRUARY 20 - 23

DISCOVERY THEATER: Black Diamond

10:15 AM, 11:30 AM, 1:00 PM
S. Dillon Ripley Center
Discovery Theater, 3rd Sublevel
1100 Jefferson Drive, SW
smithsonianassociates.org • 202-633-8700

FEBRUARY 20

Film: I Am Ali by Claire Lewis (112 minutes)

10:00 AM
Woodridge Neighborhood Library
1801 Hamlin Street, NE
dclibrary.org/woodridge • 202-541-6226

Benjamin Banneker and the African Roots of His Science

TBD
Deanwood Library
5001 Central Avenue, SE
dclibrary.org/deanwood • 202-645-0755

FEBRUARY 21

RAM

6:00 PM
Millennium Stage, The John F. Kennedy Center
for the Performing Arts
2700 F Street, NW
kennedy-center.org/video/upcoming

Lecture: Pan-Africanism: Origins & Issues

7:00 PM
Woodridge Neighborhood Library
1801 Hamlin Street, NE

dclibrary.org/woodridge • 202-541-6226

FEBRUARY 22

The Great Stain: Witnessing American Slavery

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

William G. McGowan Theater, National Archives Building
700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
archives.gov

Duke Ellington School of the Arts

6:00 PM

Millennium Stage, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
2700 F Street, NW
kennedy-center.org/video/upcoming

Undaunted Courage: African Americans & World War I

7:00 PM

Takoma Park, 416 Cedar Street, NW
202-576-7252

The Lincoln—Douglas(s) Debates

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

William G. McGowan Theater, National Archives Building
700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
archives.gov

FEBRUARY 23

Curator Talk with Alcione Amos: History of Place: Barry Farm/Hillsdale, a Post-Bellum African American Community Co-sponsor Anacostia Community Museum

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Charles Sumner School Museum and Archives
1201 17th Street, NW
register at anacostia.si.edu • 202-633-4844

I AM Frederick Douglass

7:00 PM

Historic Lincoln Theatre
1215 U Street, NW
dcarts.dc.gov • 202-724-5613

FEBRUARY 24

ASALH 92nd Annual Black History Luncheon Featured Authors Event

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Washington Renaissance Hotel
999 Ninth Street, NW
asalh.org • 202-238-5910

Prosperity Fair

12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Walter E. Washington Convention Center
801 Mt. Vernon Place, NW
moaaa.dc.gov • 202-545-3071

ASALH 92nd Annual Black History Luncheon

12:15 PM

Washington Renaissance Hotel
999 Ninth Street, NW
asalh.org • 202-238-5910

Financial Management for the Homeless

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

St. Stephens Church Auditorium
1525 Newton Street, NW

The Concert Choir of Georgetown University

6:00 PM

Millennium Stage, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
2700 F Street, NW
kennedy-center.org/video/upcoming

FEBRUARY 25

Frederick Douglass and Howard University

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site
1538 9th Street, NW
nps.gov/cawo • 202-426-5961

FEBRUARY 26

DC Mondays at the Museum Lecture: Lisner Auditorium and Racial Justice in DC

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

The George Washington University Museum
The Textile Museum
701 21st Street, NW
museum.gwu.edu/dc-mondays • 202-994-5200

Kush and Axum: Grand Kingdoms of the Nile

7:00 PM

William O. Lockridge/Bellevue Library

115 Atlantic Street, SW

dclibrary.org/bellevue • 202-243-1185

SWNA Black History Community Meeting

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Arena Stage

1101 Sixth Street, SW

swana.org

FEBRUARY 27

Concert: UDC Small Jazz Ensembles

12:30 PM

UDC Performing Arts Recital Hall

4200 Connecticut Avenue, NW

Irdudc.wrlc.org/jazz/events.php • 202-274-5803

Washington Performing Arts Gospel Choir

6:00 PM

Millennium Stage, The John F. Kennedy Center
for the Performing Arts

2700 F Street, NW

kennedy-center.org/video/upcoming

Black History Discussion for White People

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

National Congress of Black Women, Inc.

1250 4th Street, SW, Suite WG-1

nationalcongressbw.org • 202-678-6788

Film: Slavery by Another Name by Sam Pollard (90 minutes)

6:30 PM

Woodridge Neighborhood Library

1801 Hamlin Street, NE

dclibrary.org/woodridge • 202-541-6226

FEBRUARY 28

Lecture: Africa, Enslavement, & the Shaping of Black American Culture

7:00 PM

Woodridge Neighborhood Library

1801 Hamlin Street, NE

dclibrary.org/woodridge • 202-541-6226

Black LGBTQ Happy Hour Celebration of Bayard Rustin

Smith Public Trust

3514 12th Street, NE

moaaa.dc.gov • 202-545-3071

Special Thanks

The Executive Office of the Mayor

The Mayor's Office on African Affairs

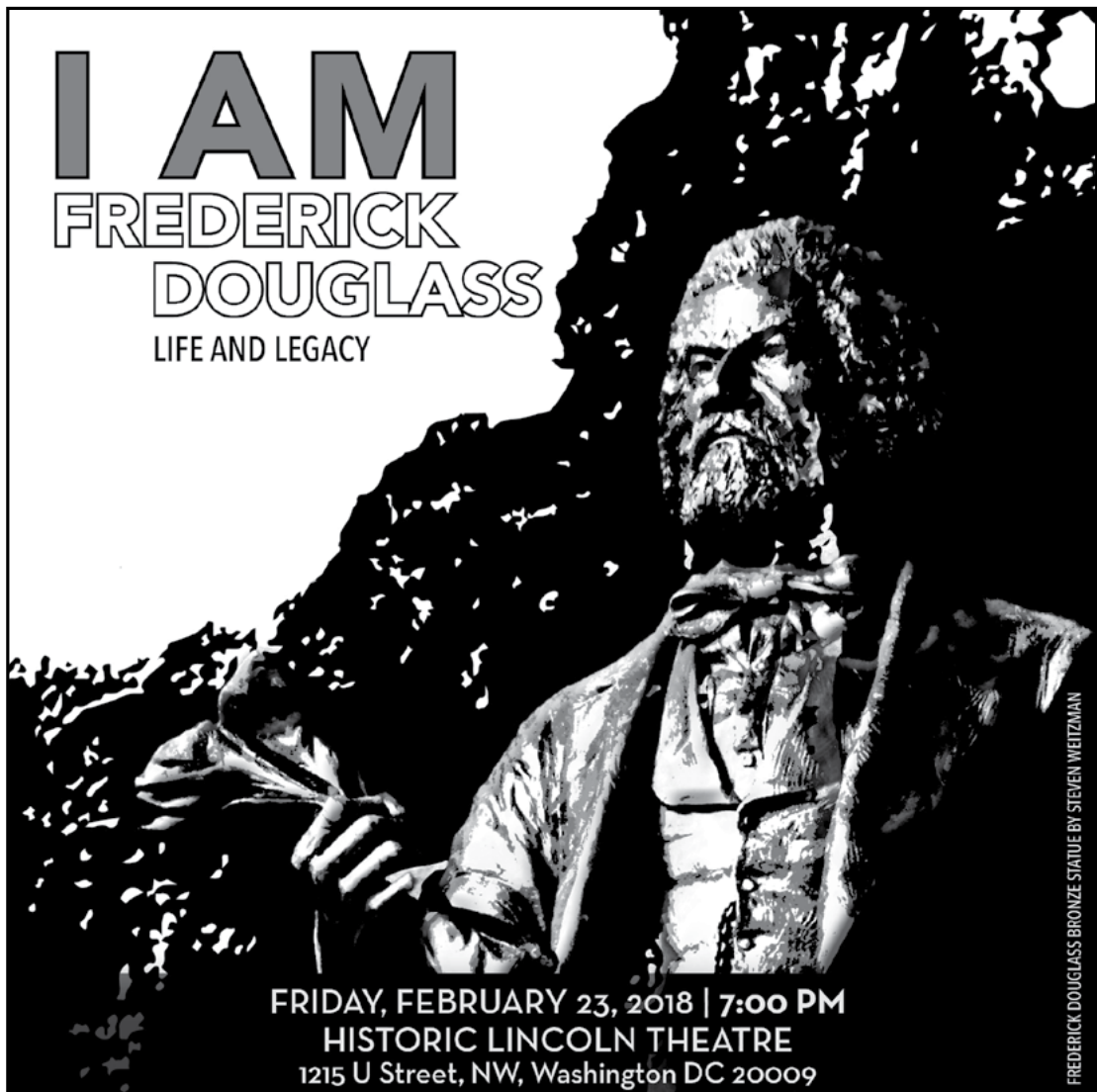
The Mayor's Office on African American Affairs

The Mayor's Office on Community Relations

Events presented by DC government agencies are in outlines.

For up to date listings of events from the DC Black History Celebration Committee, visit

www.facebook.com/DC.Black.History



I AM Frederick Douglass commemorates the 200th birthday of Frederick Douglass by presenting excerpts of the film *Enslavement to Emancipation*, a panel discussion on the legacy of Frederick Douglass, musicians from the National Symphony Orchestra and a Douglass actor portrayal by LeCount Holmes, Jr.

This event is presented by the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities in collaboration with the Mayor's Office on African Affairs, the Mayor's Office on African American Affairs, and the Office of Cable Television, Film, Music and Entertainment.

Please RSVP at dcarts.dc.gov
For more information call 202-724-5613



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